

SENATE BILL No. 473

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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9 AN ACT concerning physical therapy; relating to evaluation and treat-
10 ment of patients; amending K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-2921 and repealing
11 the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-2921 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 65-2921. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), (c)
16 or (d), a physical therapist may evaluate patients without physician referral
17 but may initiate treatment only after approval by a licensed physician, a
18 licensed podiatrist, a licensed physician assistant or an advanced regis-
19 tered nurse practitioner working pursuant to the order or direction of a
20 licensed physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed dentist or licensed
21 optometrist in appropriately related cases. Physical therapists may initiate
22 physical therapy treatment with the approval of a practitioner of the heal-
23 ing arts duly licensed under the laws of another state and may provide
24 such treatment based upon an order by such practitioner in any setting
25 in which physical therapists would be authorized to provide such treat-
26 ment with the approval of a physician licensed by the board, notwith-
27 standing any provisions of the Kansas healing arts act or any rules and
28 regulations adopted by the board thereunder.

29 (b) Physical therapists may evaluate and treat a patient for no more
30 than ~~30~~ 45 consecutive calendar days without a referral ~~under the follow-~~
31 ~~ing conditions: (1) The patient has previously been referred to a physical~~
32 ~~therapist for physical therapy services by a person authorized by this sec-~~
33 ~~tion to approve treatment; (2) the patient's referral for physical therapy~~
34 ~~was made within one year from the date a physical therapist implements~~
35 ~~a program of physical therapy treatment without a referral; (3) the phys-~~
36 ~~ical therapy being provided to the patient without referral is for the same~~
37 ~~injury, disease or condition as indicated in the referral for such previous~~
38 ~~injury, disease or condition; and (4). The physical therapist transmits shall~~
39 ~~transmit~~ to the physician or other practitioner identified by the patient a
40 copy of the initial evaluation no later than five business days after treat-
41 ment commences. Treatment for more than ~~30~~ 45 consecutive calendar
42 days of such patient shall only be upon the approval of a person authorized
43 by this section to approve treatment.

- 1 (c) Physical therapists may provide, without a referral, ~~services which~~
2 ~~do not constitute treatment for a specific condition, disease or injury to:~~
3 ~~(1) Employees solely for the purpose of education and instruction related~~
4 ~~to workplace injury prevention; or (2) the public for the purpose of to~~
5 ~~*employees and education and instruction related to* fitness, health pro-~~
6 ~~*motion and education to the public.*~~
- 7 (d) Physical therapists may provide services without a referral to spe-
8 cial education students who need physical therapy services to fulfill the
9 provisions of their individualized education plan (IEP) or individualized
10 family service plan (IFSP).
- 11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-2921 is hereby repealed.
- 12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.